

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, SEAL BEACH

Public Review And Comment Requested On Proposed Cleanup Action

The Department of Toxic Substances Control invites public comments on a draft Negative Declaration for a proposed removal action at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach. The proposed action is to remove ordnance from Site 5, a clean fill disposal area within the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge. The Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge was established to preserve one of the largest remaining salt marshes in Southern California. The proposed action is to remove the soil containing ordnance and put it through a sifter to separate out the ordnance and scrap metals. The draft Negative Declaration, prepared under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), states that this proposed removal action will not result in a significant negative impact to the environment. The removal action is described in the draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW), which has already been through a public comment period. A public meeting was also held on June 27 to discuss the proposed action.

The public comment period for the draft Negative Declaration is from August 8, 2001 through September 7, 2001. Written comments should be postmarked (or emailed) no later than September 7, 2001, and sent to Ms. Katherine Leibel, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630. Email: kleibel@dtsc.ca.gov.

The draft Negative Declaration, draft RAW, and all other documents related to this site are available at three locations: Seal Beach Public Library, Mary Wilson Branch, 707 Electric Avenue, Seal Beach, (562) 431-3584; NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach, 800 Seal Beach Blvd., Bldg. 110, Seal Beach, (562) 626-7897; and the DTSC office at 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress (call Ester Deguzman at (714) 484-5336 to make an appointment).

For questions about this proposed action and the Draft Negative Declaration, please contact Ms. Katherine Leibel at (714) 484-5446.

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